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## **Wal-Mart Foundation helps Haven in honor of Sen. Shirley Johnson**

**LANSING** – The Wal-Mart & Sam's Club Foundation presented Haven, a nationally recognized non-profit leader, with a gift of \$2,500 in honor of state Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Troy.

Haven was established 30 years ago to help to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault by providing treatment and prevention services throughout Oakland County and surrounding communities; a mission that both Wal-Mart and Johnson support.

The gift was presented to Haven's President and CEO Beth Morrison on June 24. Johnson and Rep. Shelley Goodman Taub, R-Bloomfield Hills, both attended the presentation to show their support for Haven and the important community issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"We appreciate the support of both Senator Johnson and Wal-Mart," Morrison said. "Senator Johnson has been a long time supporter of Haven and we are honored to have been selected for this donation."

Johnson, the first Oakland County female senator, has been serving Michigan families as senator since March 1999. As an elected official, Johnson is a strong advocate for issues important to children and families. She is a proponent for mental health protection and the prevention of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence, which is why Wal-Mart made the gift in her name.

With the financial contributions of foundations and the support and advocacy of elected officials and community members, Haven is able to continue serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

In 2004 6,285 clients used Haven's services. Haven provided shelter for 248 adults and 281 children who were forced to flee their homes and responded to 7, 189 callers on the 24-Hour Crisis and Support Line. Additionally, Haven provided prevention education for 21,409 individuals who live and work in the community.

To learn more about Haven call (248) 334-1284 or visit [www.haven-oakland.org](http://www.haven-oakland.org).

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